

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of August 19th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- a. Welcome by Mayor Margaret Estrada
- b. Flag Salute Led by Council Member Frank Jaime

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephens, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa-Via Zoom, and Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Bob Clark, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker. Police Chief: Craig Janis
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

MEETING AGENDA:

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from August 05, 2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the August 05, 2024 meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded; the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval agenda of the consent ARPA, Payroll Voucher. Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Council member Rita asked about Pacific powers being charged 26,000.00 for one month. Jeff Schumacker answered the question. Council member Oscar asked if city cards have a budget within every department. Jeff Schumacker answered. Ken was asking for jury reimbursement, Chief Craig answered. A Council member suggested that everything is broken down into the departments to help like it has been done before to be coded. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Ken Workman second. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Frances Ares:

- Harvest festival flyers.
- Has been working on the festival, with vendors and parade spreading the word.
- Would like the council members to volunteer.

Gina Ramos:

- Question about the roads being adjusted chip and seal about when or if it is finished.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for the Tamale Festival approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.
- B.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for City Personnel approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.
- C.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Park Prep approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.
- D.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Electric Service Boxes approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.
- E.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Garbage Service approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.
- F.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Garbage Service approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.
- G.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Security approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.

H. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Portable Toilets approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve, council member Chuck Stephens second. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

We have three more weeks to finish the auto seal and sweep the gravel. Stripping down. Application for Naches Ave to be extended to 6th Street for 2025.

Alondra is working with auditors.

Tamale and Harvest Festival are ready to go.

Arpa funds are being entered for the workshop for a sign-up at the Community Center.

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

Animal control: 3 animals taken to the human society. 8 for the month.

Code enforcement: Update the north side of town. The excess garbage and trash neighbors have complained about has a new owner, who has been cleaned up and is making great progress, plans to finish and renovate and sell soon.

Bringing new business to town will soon share information about who would like business to Wapato.

Fire department: 53 calls for service; large calls are coming through for drugs and alcohol-related.

Update on Little Caesars.

Police Chief: Craig Janis

Continued working with Noah Ark, improving every day.

173 calls from the last two weeks, 1 assault, 7 domestics, 2 drug arrests, 1 overdose, 2 sex crimes, 1 shot fire, 1 suicide, 47 traffic stops.

Patrols are being productive, and we thank everyone who attended Nation Night Out.

Council member Rita commented about how a little kid at National Night Out won a bike, which was very rewarding.

Las Palmas has karaoke on Sundays, and there are kids. Las Palmas is registered as a restaurant and bar, and kids are allowed until 9:00 pm.

Mobile shower funds come from Behavior Health.

Mayor Message/Council Discussion: We would like a workshop on Thursday, the 22nd, at 4:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Chuck Stephenson made a motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stephenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk